

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT



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JUDGE GARY MCDONALD RESIGNS FROM MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS

LANSING, MI, January 10, 2003 – Judge Gary McDonald has submitted his resignation from the Michigan Court of Appeals, Court of Appeals Chief Judge William Whitbeck announced today.

Whitbeck made the following statement on behalf of the court:

“It is with great regret that I announce that Judge Gary R. McDonald has submitted his resignation from the Michigan Court of Appeals effective January 3, 2003.

“Judge McDonald served the people of the State of Michigan with great distinction. Governor Blanchard appointed him to the Court of Appeals on February 27, 1987 and the voters of his judicial district elected him three times, in 1988, 1994, and 2000. He was an excellent Judge and a leading member of this Court, always precise, always articulate, and always hardworking. Judge McDonald has sterling academic credentials, graduating with a B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1962 and a J.D. from the Wayne State University in 1965. He distinguished himself as a practicing lawyer, as a District Court Judge, and as a Circuit Court Judge before his appointment to our Court.

“As his friends and colleagues are aware, Judge McDonald was stricken with a heart attack and a stroke in July of 2001. He and his family have faced the subsequent adversity with great dignity and great courage. He leaves this Court with our best wishes and our prayers.”

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